

FORT MONMOUTH ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PLANNING AUTHORITY

Minutes filed by John G. Donnelly as Acting Secretary on Behalf of the Authority Members of actions taken at the Open Session of the Second meeting of The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority, held at Eatontown Municipal Building, 47 Broad Street, Eatontown, New Jersey 07724 at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2006.

Present:

Vice Chairperson and State Commerce Commission Secretary and CEO Virginia Bauer
Monmouth County Freeholder Lillian Burry
Public Member Laurie Cannon
Oceanport Mayor Lucille Chaump
Public Member Rosemarie Estephan
Tinton Falls Mayor Peter Maclearie
Garrison Commander Col. Ricki Sullivan
Eatontown Mayor Gerry Tarantolo

Chairperson and Public Member Dr. Robert Lucky and Public Member Joseph Colfer had advised the Board previously that they would not be able to attend this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Burry, pending the arrival of Vice Chairperson Bauer. The Open Session was convened at 7:05 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Authority Member Comments:

Mayor Tarantolo noted that the Eatontown Governing Body had authorized his application to FMERPA for use of CECOM on the fort for a municipal building. Col. Sullivan noted that he is seeking membership on the garrison's Restoration Committee.

Vice Chair Bauer arrived at this time.

Elected Officials Comments:

None.

Executive Director's Comments:

Frank Cosentino expressed appreciation to all concerned for his new role as Executive Director as of October 2. He described a number of activities since his starting.

Public Comments were sought by the Chair:

- 1) Mr. John Bonfort of Oceanport described handouts that address the homeless shelter near Horseneck Point.
- 2) Mr. Walter Tuzenoi of West Long Branch asked for consideration of transportation impacts after the fort closes.
- 3) Ms. Jeannette Mestritter of Eatontown noted the importance of caring for returning servicepersons.
- 4) Mr. William Drach of West Long Branch is concerned with the loss of high tech jobs.

- 5) Ms. Julie Mahedy of Wall desires to keep the fort as open space.
- 6) Ms. Gail Abrams of Little Silver is concerned with development of the train station in her town.
- 7) Ms. Sylvia Zisman of Long Branch is concerned with global warming.
- 8) Ms. Beverly Toscano of West Long Branch is a realtor who feels that housing for the homeless is a priority.
- 9) Mr. Bill Ryan of Keansburg applauds Mr. Cosentino's selection as Executive Director.
- 10) Mr. Jerry Burdick of Oceanport wants firefighters such as himself involved in upcoming discussions of FMERPA.
- 11) Mr. Richard Fuller of Long Branch said veterans concerns are paramount.
- 12) Mr. Tom Mahedy of Wall expressed a variety of concerns with the environment.

Since there were no further comments or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Chaump, seconded by Authority Member Estephan and unanimously adopted at 8:45 p.m.